

HOUSE No. 2139

By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition of John W. Scibak and Glenn T. Labay further regulating material affixed or applied to automobile windshields or windows. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPLICATION OF AFTERMARKET APPLICATION OF
NONTRANSPARENT MATERIALS TO AUTOMOBILE WINDOWS OR WIND-
SHIELDS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Offi-
2 cial Edition, is hereby amended by adding after section 9D the
3 following section:—
4 Section 9E. From and after January 1, 2006, each manufacturer
5 of material designed to be affixed or applied to the windows or
6 windshields of a motor vehicle shall, before shipping such mate-
7 rial into this state, apply to the commissioner of public safety for
8 approval and registration of its material and the label for identifi-
9 cation and certification of compliance with 49 Code of Federal
10 Regulations 571.205 as authorized by 15 USC 1407. No material
11 shall be approved by the commissioner unless the manufacturer
12 demonstrates that such material, when applied or affixed to a
13 window, shall not reduce light transmission or increase light
14 reflectance in violation of section 9D of chapter 90 of the General
15 Laws. The manufacturer of any material shipped into this state on
16 or after January 1, 2006, shall provide labels of a size and type
17 approved by the commissioner, written instructions for the place-
18 ment of such labels, and a notice that the improper installation of
19 material to a window or windshield or the failure to display a
20 label as provided in this subsection is a violation of state law. It

21 shall be unlawful for any person to alter or reproduce any label
22 approved by the commissioner or to knowingly use any approved
23 label except as authorized by this section.

24 From and after January 1, 2006, any motor vehicle which has
25 material and glazing applied or affixed to the windows or rear
26 windshield of such vehicle, which material and glazing have
27 reduced the light transmission through such window or windshield,
28 or increased the light reflectance of such window or windshield,
29 shall display a label visible from the outside of such vehicle indi-
30 cating that such windows and windshield are in compliance with
31 the light transmission and light reflectance requirements as pro-
32 vided. From and after January 1, 2006, no person shall install any
33 material upon the windshields or windows of any motor vehicle,
34 the installation of which would result in a reduction of light trans-
35 mission or an increase in light reflectance in violation of this
36 section.